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Deal Closed Saturday in Nashville

KONGI SPORTS BUYS USWA; ANNOUNCES FORMATION OF GLOBAL

NASHVILLE----After three months of negotiations, Atlanta-based Kongi Sports and Entertainment, headed by Joe Pedicino, has signed an agreement in principle to buy Jerry Jarrett's United States Wrestling Association and its assets. The deal, for an undisclosed amount of money, includes the entire USWA syndicated television network and cable package with ESPN.

The deal was consummated Saturday, hours before USWA TV tapings in the Tennessee capital. In conjunction, on a show to be aired in syndication in two weeks, Pedicino announced the formation of the Global Wrestling Federation. The TV storyline involves foreign investors who "own a wrestling company" and have "invited" USWA to join Global. The investors include Pedicino's real-life financier, Olu Oleyami.

"We've had a lot of phone calls and questions about what we were up to and, like in any business deal, you can't talk about anything until it actually happens because it may not happen," said Pedicino. "But the foundation of this deal is a solid, in-place television network which has been profitable for USWA."

Global will inherit a 118-station syndication network from Jarrett and Pedicino is retaining Andrews Entertainment as his distributor. In addition, Pedicino announced Tor Berg's Ladies Professional Wrestling Association will bring a 91-station syndicated lineup under the Global umbrella in January. With some station overlaps, Global will have an estimated 170 unduplicated stations for advertising purposes.

In a complex part of the transaction, Jarrett sold Pedicino the rights to the Memphis territory. Kongi will reassign Memphis promotional rights to Jeff Jarrett, a move seen as a tax benefit to the Jarrett family. Jarrett will reopen his Texas territory in the Dallas Bronco Bowl Dec. 28.

Jarrett is expected to be a consultant and close adviser to Pedicino in the venture, which may include opening a new Florida territory in early 1991.

As for the ESPN portion of the deal, Global gains the rights to three days a week of LEGENDS shows, plus a deal for a new Monday show (to replace the departing AWA) Jan. 14. Pedicino says there is an option for prime time cablecasts on ESPN.

Asked if the Global name would conjure negative connotations from the old Patrick Schaefer-led minor-league Global bomb in Florida, Pedicino said: "You have to remember: outside of newsletter subscribers, probably less than one percent of wrestling fans ever heard of the old Global, so the name isn't a problem."

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THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

CORNETTE WORKS USWA TAPING IN LOUISVILLE

LOUISVILLE----Jim Cornette made a quick return to wrestling in his native city Sunday night, appearing at the USWA tapings here.

Cornette managed Jeff Jarrett in one hour and joined Craig Johnson and Joe Pedicino for color commentary on the other two hours.

The programs air in December. The veteran manager has been given a restricted release from the NWA. According to insiders, WCW chief Jim Herd okayed Cornette working for any group except the WWF. Herd could not be reached for comment.

WCW GETS OFFICIAL NWA SANCTIONING

ATLANTA---In a move of little concern other than to hardcore fans, World Championship Wrestling, Inc., has received official sanctioning from members of the National Wrestling Alliance.

Shohei Baba, Don Owen and Bob Geigel were among the board members from the old NWA consortium who had to approve the NWA seal for WCW.

Without the endorsement, WCW would have had to drop the NWA moniker from its world title.

DUSTY TO QUIT; OLE OUT?

GREENWICH CT---Dusty Rhodes will leave the World Wrestling Federation Jan. 19 amid self-perpetuated stories he is returning to the NWA as booker.

However, at deadline, no confirmation of that has come from World Championship Wrestling officials, who reportedly gave a vote of confidence to current booker Ole Anderson.

But Rhodes, in a story backed by sources close to Titan Sports, has reportedly been told WWFers he is coming back to the NWA as booker and is trying to get Titan performers to jump.

Anderson is said to have added credence to his own departure. Sources close to WCW say the 48-year-old booker has been openly telling staffers he knows he's "through" there after the Dec. 16 STARRCADE.

MATWATCH talked to WCW executive vice president Jim Herd last Wednesday but the subject of Rhodes did not develop (see page 2).

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KONGI SPORTS BUYS USWA

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The 40-year-old Pedicino's group is being financed by a $25 million credit line backed by a Northeast-based financial trust. Pedicino and Oleyami own majority interest in Kongi, along with the trust. The agreement sets the USWA takeover date as "on or before Jan. 2."

"The shows we did Saturday night in Nashville and Sunday in Louisville will get us through the year but we'll have to tape again Dec. 28 in Dallas to get us going into January," said Pedicino. "It'll be after the first of the year before the TV shows will bear the Global name."

Kongi is budgeting for a top-quality lighting system and will likely not limit tapings to traditional USWA sites. Pedicino would not disclose how quickly he will move to sign additional wrestlers but does expect to expand the talent base from the Memphis-Dallas rosters, though he reiterated he "will not, on advice of our attorneys, talk to any wrestler under an existing contract."

Jarrett, who has run one of the few profitable wrestling operations in the U.S., will be heavily involved in opening the Florida arm of Global. Pedicino's Georgia All-Star group will be kept as a minor-league subsidiary in the early going.

The LPWA addition is will give Global the second-largest wrestling syndicated network for television advertising, which is sold on the basis of gross national ratings points for a package of syndicated shows. The WWF's three shows (plus its USA Cable package) average an 8 rating while the NWA's lineup averages close to a 6. WWF ads are currently selling for an estimated $39,000 per 30-second spot, according to informed sources.

Kongi's USWA starts its base as the third-ranked promotion in viewer perception. "It will take us time, as I have said, to chart the direction we intend to take," said Pedicino. "We will work carefully to determine the kind of product people want to see and, hopefully, deliver it to them."

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DUSTY QUITS

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MATWATCH was unable to contact Herd or WCW president Jack Petrik Friday concerning the speculation.

Several sources have told MATWATCH in the past week the name of USWA champion Terry Funk, a former member of the now-defunct WCW booking committee, has also been strongly considered as a new booker. But sources close to Funk, on a three-week tour of Japan, say he's made no commitment and do not know if a proposal has been made. But comments have been made in the NWA office to the extent "if Funk comes back..."

Former USWA owner Jerry Jarrett reportedly rejected a proposal for the booking post in a deal which would involved WCW taking over the USWA syndication network before Jarrett sold his operation Saturday to Kongi Sports.

Rhodes, fired by WCW in December 1988 as booker after a graphic "spike-in-the-eye" angle involving himself and the Road Warriors on the TBS WCW show, was on a list of names considered as booker last spring when Anderson was hired. Former NWA chief Jim Crockett has continued to push for Rhodes' rehiring, telling WCW officials at one point, "The only booker who can turn this thing around is Dusty Rhodes."

Speculation ran rampant all last week through WCW locker rooms but none of it could be confirmed. Publicly, the wrestlers are being told Anderson "is still the guy."

HERD: WE'LL STAND BY ART BARR

ATLANTA---Amid conflicting reports of the status of Art (The Juicer) Barr, World Championship Wrestling executive vice president Jim Herd has told MATWATCH, "We will fulfill our commitments to Art Barr."

Last week, MATWATCH reported on copies of Portland-area newspaper columns anonymously sent to several Atlanta television stations and Southeastern newspapers concerning Barr's guilty plea to a misdemeanor sexual abuse charge in the alleged rape of a 19-year-old woman. The columns were highly critical of Barr's role-playing of a kids' favorite character and community service elements of his sentence.

Herd said he did not know of Barr's legal situation when the wrestler was hired but told MATWATCH: "The booking department has not just soundly but resoundingly been dealt with for putting us in this situation.

"I'm not going to get involved with the whole legal thing with Art Barr," said Herd. "It does seem to me that a plea bargain to a misdemeanor which the girl and her father agreed to is indicative the whole thing is tainted. The gossip columns obviously seek out this kind of story but as a misdemeanor, it doesn't appear to be much of a news story there."

Herd was awaiting a package from Barr's probation officer to indicate if Barr has fulfilled the 180 hours of community service required by his sentence.

Asked if the situation is not potentially embarrassing to Turner Broadcasting, Herd acknowledged: "It already is. But we have to wait and see if it becomes a bigger issue."

But Herd added: "We are responsbible for bringing him (Barr) into this situation and we are not going to shirk that responsiblity just to try to absolve ourselves of any neglect." As of last Wednesday, Herd was still weighing when to restore The Juicer, who was pulled from WCW cards Nov. 8, to his dates. Later in the week, conflicting reports came to MATWATCH as to the final decision. *(Herd on Jim Cornette, see page 7).*

MATWATCH TV AWARDS

The third annual balloting features fewer categories. Vote for 3 in each category in the RANK ORDER of your choices unless noted. Points on a 5-3-1 basis. A list of suggested nominees is included but feel free to write in any alternate choices in all three slots. Ballots must be received by Dec. 20. Nominees cover U.S./Canada only from Dec. 1, 1989-Nov. 30, 1990.

BEST BROADCAST/CABLE TV MATCH

Curt Hennig vs. Tito Santana, WWF (I-C tourney finals)
Curt Hennig vs. Hulk Hogan, WWF/SNME
Ric Flair vs. Brian Pillman, WCW
Flair/Arn Anderson vs. Rock & Roll Express, NWA MAIN EVENT (Feb.)
Arn Anderson vs. Great Muta, POWER HOUR
Flair vs. Lex Luger, WORLD WIDE (May)
Flair vs. Luger, CLASH XII (Sept.)
Jerry Lawler vs. Terry Funk, USWA (tourney, Nov.)
Steve Keirn vs. Tony Anthony, USWA (Nov.)
Lawler/Bill Dundee vs. Eddie Gilbert/Anthony, USWA/WMC
Ultimate Warrior vs. Rick Rude, SNME
Midnight Express vs. Southern Boys, WCW
Gilbert vs. Jeff Jarrett, USWA/WMC
Steiners vs. Midnight Express, WCW
Lawler vs. Austin Idol, USWA (tourney)
Scott Steiner vs. Flair, WCW
Anderson vs. Paul Orndorff, CLASH XII

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BEST PPV MATCH OF THE YEAR

Hogan vs. Ultimate Warrior, WM6
ROYAL RUMBLE finals, ROYAL RUMBLE
Steiners vs. Nasty Boys, H. HAVOC
Ted DiBiase vs. Jake Roberts, WM6
Hart Foundation vs. Demolition, SUMMER SLAM
Flair vs. Sting, STARRCADE '89
Steiners vs. Road Warriors, STARRCADE
Flair vs. Luger, WRESTLE WAR '90
Rock & Roll Express vs. Midnight Express, WRESTLE WAR '90
Steiners vs. DOOM, BASH '90
M Ex vs. Southern Boys, BASH '90
Flair vs. Sting, BASH '90

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BEST SUPERCARD

WRESTLEMANIA VI, WWF
BASH: NEW REVOLUTION, NWA
STARRCADE '89, NWA
ROYAL RUMBLE, WWF
CLASH X: TEXAS SHOOTOUT, NWA
SUPERCARD (USWA Tourney), USWA
HALLOWEEN HAVOC, NWA
SURVIVOR SERIES IV, WWF

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BEST WEEKLY TV SERIES
(All Weekly Shows Eligible)

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BEST NEW CHARACTERS

Earthquake, WWF
Kowabunga, USWA
Michael Wall Street, NWA
Jeannie Clarke, USWA
Fabian, PRO WRESTLING '90
Tessa, USWA
Juicer, NWA
El Gigante, NWA
Tailor-Made Medina, PORTLAND
Sama Simba, WWF
Wrestling School Dropout, ICW
U.S. Male, PORTLAND

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BEST PLAY-BY-PLAY ANNOUNCER

Jim Ross, NWA
Craig Johnson, USWA
Chris Cruise, NWA/LPWA
Lance Russell, NWA
Joe Pedicino, PRO WRESTLING '90
Vince McMahon Jr., WWF
Tony Schiavone, WWF/NWA
Dave Brown, USWA/WMC
Mick Karch, IWA
Don Coss, PORTLAND

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BEST COLOR COMMENTATOR

Jerry Lawler, USWA
Jesse Ventura, WWF
Bob Caudle, NWA
Paul E. Dangerously, NWA
Jim Cornette, NWA

WORST COLOR COMMENTATOR (Continued)

Joe Pedicino, USWA
Scotty the Body, PORTLAND
Bobby Heenan, WWF
Roddy Piper, WWF
Freebirds, NWA
Dutch Mantel, NWA

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RISING STAR(S) OF THE YEAR

Earthquake, WWF
Nasty Boys, NWA
Juicer, NWA
Tugboat, WWF
Fabian, PRO WRESTLING '90
El Gigante, NWA
Jeff Gaylord, USWA
Steven Dane, USWA
Chris Walker, PW '90
Destruction Crew, AWA

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BEST SINGLE PERFORMANCE

VINCE McMAHON, WWF ("Aftermath of Earthquake Attack on Hulk Hogan")
JIM ROSS, NWA ("Sting Wins NWA World Title," play-by-play)
EDDIE GILBERT, USWA ("Hit-and-Run on Jerry Lawler")
TERRY FUNK, FUNK'S GRILL ("Norman Plays Win, Lose or Draw")
HULK HOGAN, WWF ("Surrendering the Belt to Ultimate Warrior," WM6)
JIM CORNETTE & NICK PATRICK, NWA ("Fingerpointing and Shadowboxing," M Ex vs. Rock & Roll Ex, WRESTLE WAR)
BOBBY HEENAN, WWF ("Bossman Handcuffs Bobby," WRESTLING CHALLENGE)
STING, NWA ("The Slap of Lex Luger," WRESTLE WAR '90)

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BEST OVERALL TV PERSONALITY

RIC FLAIR, NWA
JIM CORNETTE, NWA
PAUL E. DANGEROUSLY, NWA
BOBBY HEENAN, WWF
JESSE VENTURA, WWF
JERRY LAWLER, USWA
EDDIE GILBERT, USWA
SCOTTY THE BODY, PORTLAND
JOE PEDICINO, PW'90/USWA/NWA
JIM ROSS, NWA
TONY SCHIAVONE, NWA/WWF
LANCE RUSSELL, NWA
THEODORE R. LONG, NWA
HULK HOGAN, WWF
CRAIG JOHNSON, USWA
DAVE BROWN, USWA/WMC
RICK STEINER, NWA
ARN ANDERSON, NWA
ROAD WARRIOR HAWK, WWF/NWA

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WORST BROADCAST/CABLE TV MATCH

Moondog Rex vs. Tommy Angel, WCW
Warlord vs. Koko B. Ware, WWF/PTW
Mike Sharpe vs. S.D. Jones, WWF/PTW
Warlord vs. Jim Brunzell, WWF/PTW
Dino Bravo vs. Nikoli Volkoff, WWF/PTW
Kevin Von Erich vs. Angel of Death, USWA
Jimmy Valiant vs. Eddie Gilbert, USWA
Dick Slater vs. Jeff Gaylord, USWA
Scott Norton vs. The Grappler, PORTLAND
Steven Dane vs. Bubba Fangman, USWA
Brian Blair vs. Spitball Patterson, UWF
Toni Adams vs. Jeannie Clarke, USWA
Ron Ritchie/Ballplayer vs. Bowlers, CNWA
Larry Zbyszko vs. Harley Race, AWA
Junkyard Dog vs. Dutch Mantel, WCW
Sid Vicious vs. Bobby Eaton, NME
Junkyard Dog vs. Ric Flair, CLASH XI
Tommy Rich vs. Bill Irwin, CLASH XI
Sgt. Slaughter vs. Russian Brute, AWA
Superstar vs. Richie Dye, SOUTHEASTERN
Magnum Force vs. Sawyer/Williams, WCW

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WORST PPV MATCH

Freebirds vs. Zenk/Pillman, WRESTLE WAR
Junkyard Dog vs. Moondog Rex, H. HAVOC
Warlord vs. Tito Santana, SUMMER SLAM
Hogan/Beefcake vs. Zeus/Savage, NO HOLDS BARRED: THE MATCH/THE MOVIE
Randy Savage vs. Dusty Rhodes, S. SLAM
Jake Roberts vs. Bad News Brown, S. SLAM
Iron Sheik vs. Mike Rotunda, CAP. COMBAT
Doug Furnas vs. Dutch Mantel, BASH '90
Demolition vs. Andre/Haku, WRESTLEMANIA
Earthquake vs. Hercules, WRESTLEMANIA
Roddy Piper vs. Bad News, WRESTLEMANIA

WORST PPV MATCH (Continued)

Jim Duggan vs. Dino Bravo, WRESTLEMANIA
Paul Ellering vs. Teddy Long, C. COMBAT

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WORST SUPERCARD

CAPITOL COMBAT, NWA
WRESTLEMANIA VI, WWF
CLASH XI: Coastal Crush, NWA
SUMMER SLAM, WWF
NO HOLDS BARRED: MATCH/MOVIE, WWF
SURVIVOR SERIES IV, WWF

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WORST WEEKLY SERIES (All Eligible)

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WORST PLAY-BY-PLAY ANNOUNCER

J.C. Carson, SOUTHEASTERN
Lee Marshall, IWA
Ringside Ralph, AWA
Herb Abrams, UWF
Mark Lowrance, USWA
John Heath, PWF
Tim Dix, SOUTHERN CHAMPIONSHIP
Ed Whalen, CNWA

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WORST COLOR COMMENTATOR

Thunderbolt Patterson, NWA
Tommy Rich, NWA
Jack Brickhouse, NWA/HALLOWEEN HAVOC
Hillbilly Jim, WWF
Bulldog Bob Brown, CNWA
Percival Pringle III, USWA
Downtown Bruno, USWA/WMC
Verne Gagne, AWA
Greg Gagne, AWA
Dutch Mantel, NWA
Ole Anderson, NWA

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WORST NEW CHARACTER

Bowlers, CNWA
Earthquake, WWF
Master Blasters, NWA
Texas Tornado, WWF
Tugboat, WWF
Sama Simba, WWF
Black Scorpion, NWA
Ravishing Russ, PRO WRESTLING '90
Internationals, USWA
Texas Hangmen, AWA
Magnum Force, NWA
Candyman, NWA

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DECLINING STAR(S) OF THE YEAR

Ronnie Garvin, WWF
Kevin Von Erich, USWA
Ric Flair, NWA
Jim Cornette, NWA
Brian Pillman, NWA
Al Perez, WWF
Chris Cruise, NWA/LPWA
Boris Zhukov, WWF
Kevin Sullivan, NWA
Mike Rotunda, NWA
Norman, NWA

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WORST TV PERSONALITY

Robert Gibson, NWA
Thunderbolt Patterson, NWA
Verne Gagne, AWA
Greg Gagne, AWA
Ray Candy, PRO WRESTLING '90
Ultimate Warrior, WWF
Junkyard Dog, NWA
Downtown Bruno, USWA
Ed Whalen, CNWA
Andre the Giant, WWF
Herb Abrams, UWF
Master Blasters, NWA
Percival Pringle III, USWA
Scott (Flash) Norton, AWA/PORTLAND

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TV TEMPO

Nov. 12-18

(WWF/SYND.) - [CHALLENGE]: Ted DiBiase d. Koko B. Ware but members of each SURVIVOR SERIES team brawl after; Tugboat d. Doug Vines; Battlecat d. Paul Diamond; Kerry Von Erich d. Black Bart; Power & Glory d. Jim Evans/Bill Anderson. RESTHOLD-PLUS.
[SUPERSTARS]: Bossman d. Spike Jones; Warlord d. Randy Jackson; (UPDATE) Demolition/Orient Express 5-on-2 attack on Legion of Doom; (BRO. LUV) The Warriors; Tom Stone d. Jake Roberts by DQ when Jake decks ref & beats Stone after Tom rips off Jake's eyepatch; (WWF TAG TITLE) Hart Foundation d. Rhythm & Blues by DQ when Ted DiBiase/Virgil run in but Virgil Runnels & Koko make save; Other winner: Earthquake. DRAW.

(PRO WRESTLING '90) - Gerald Finley d. Mad Dog Joe; Ron Starr d. Eddie Sweat; (From LPWA) Misty Blue Simmes double countout vs. Candi Divine; (CLASSIC) Midnight Rockers d. Goliath/Big Bubba (Fred Ottman); Mike Winner d. Aladdin; (INTL) Dump Matsumoto/Bull Nakano d. Crush Girls; Bugman Michaels d. Big Jim Bryant; Steve Lawler/Steve Prichard d. Fabian/Randy Rose when Randy Rose pinned in middle by Prichard. RESTHOLD.

(NWA/SYND) - [WORLD WIDE]: Sid Vicious d. Dave Taylor; (WRAPUP) Teddy Long surveys Ric Flair's car & yacht; Steiners d. Johnny B. Goode/Mark Kyle; DOOM d. Len Fields/Dave Diamond; Tom Zenk d. Barry Horowitz; Juicer d. Moondog Rex on reversal when Norman tells ref Rex used bone. Norm then chases Rex w. bone; (ANGLE) Black Ole Scorpion's voice haunts Sting in the ring; Tommy Rich/Ricky Morton d. Freebirds by DQ when Bobby Eaton runs in but El Gigante save & destroys. DRAW.
[NWA PRO]: Juicer d. Ralph Hodges; Nasty Boys d. Rick Ford/Bob Emery; Motor City Madman d. Tim Parker; [NWA TV TITLE] Arn Anderson draw vs. Terry Taylor; Curtis Hughes d. Tommy Angel; Renegade Warriors d. Ring Lords; [DANGER ZONE] Paul E. w. Teddy Long's boat/car segment. RESTHOLD.

(LPWA) - Terry Power d. Rusty Thomas; Bad, Black & Beautiful d. Terry Kozak/Baby Face Nellie; Susan Sexton draw vs. Lelani Kai; Misty Blue Simmes/Heidi Lee Morgan d. Nasty Girls; Judy Martin d. Malia Osaka. RESTHOLD.

(USWA/SYND) - [USWA TOURNEY SEMIFINALS]: Austin Idol d. Eddie Gilbert; Jerry Lawler d. Terry Funk by DQ when Eddie Gilbert runs in and the two stuff piledrive Lawler; [USWA CHAMPIONSHIP] Lawler d. Idol to win belt but Funk/Idol/Gilbert beat up on Lawler and Jeff Jarrett tries to save but gets beaten up, too. POWERSLAM-PLUS.
[BEST OF CHAMPIONSHIP]: Lawler d. Maggs; (VIDEO) [SOUTHERN TITLE]: Eddie Gilbert d. Jeff Jarrett; (6-MAN) Internationals d. Todd Morton/Freezer Thompson/Ben Jordan; (SEGMENT) Eddie Gilbert & heels crown Eddie the new king & Eddie loses countout to Chris Champion while celebrating; Tony Anthony/Doug Gilbert d. Nightmares when Ken Wayne turns on Danny Davis; Bill & Jamie Dundee d. Twilight Zone. POWERSLAM.

(ICW) - Vic Steamboat d. The Thing; Cheetah Kid d. Chris Evans (Gary Cappetta on play-by-play); S.D. Jones draw vs. Executioner; Tony Atlas d. Mad Russian; Heidi Lee Morgan d. Olympia; Walsh d. Rourks. BOMB.

(LUCHA LIBRE) - Masacara Sagrada/Octagon/Huracan Ramirez Jr. d. Fuerza Guerrera/Ponzona/El Espectro de Ultratumba 2-3 falls; Mando Guerrero/Super Astro/Bestia Salvaje d. Javier Llanes/El Gran Sheick/El Esclavo Abdul 2-3; El Dandy/ Lizmark/Sangre Chicana d. El Satanico/Jerry Estrada/Emilio Charles Jr. 2-3; Fabuloso Blondy/Pedro Aguayo/Pirata Morgan d. El Rayo de Jalisco/Ringo Mendoza/El Faraon 2-3. POWERSLAM-PLUS.

SCALE: PINFALL! - Must See. PILEDRIVER - Excellent. POWERSLAM - Good. DRAW - Average. RESTHOLD - Fair. BOMB - Poor. PLUS - Midscale.

(USWA/WMC) - Chris Champion/Brickhouse Brown d. Lou Fabiano/Downtown Bruno on reversal when Ray the Jay tells ref Tony Anthony had clobbered Brick w. belt to give Fabiano pin; (From MID-SOUTH/LIGHTS OUT MATCH) Lawler d. Eddie Gilbert by DQ when Doug Gilbert, Tony Anthony, Sam Lowe run in & all 4 pound Lawler to bloody pulp, ending with 4-on-1 piledriver; (SEGMENT) Eddie intros Black (I'm Not the Scorpion) Magic; (6-MAN) Gilberts/Black Magic d. T.D. Steel/Freezer Thompson; Todd Johnson; New Kids d. Joey Maggs/Sgt. O'Reilly; (ANGLE) Downtown Bruno taunts Jamie Dundee, so Jamie comes out & chases off Bruno; (6-MAN) Lawler/Bill Dundee/Jeff Jarrett d. Bill Rush/The Scorpions. RESTHOLD-PLUS.

(NWA/TBS) - [POWER HOUR]: Taylor d. Tony Burton; DOOM d. Diamond/Fields; (WNN) Gordon Solie w. Teddy Long's car/boat tour and Sting/Scorpion HAVOC angle; Lex Luger d. Rip Rogers; (SEGMENT) M.C. Madman destroys 4 guys; Master Blasters d. John Earnest/Scotty Allen; Curtis Hughes d. Angel; (RUNNING THE GAUNTLET) Rick Steiner d. Moondog Rex. RESTHOLD.
[WCW]: Southern Boys d. Paul Lee/Bill Irwin but Freebirds/Eaton run in after until El Gigante saves; [GAUNTLET II] Rick Steiner d. Tim Horner; (WRAPUP) Replay of Ole Scorpion's voice during last week's Sting-Eaton match; Madman d. Dave Perry; Zenk d. Gil Cannatella; (ANGLE) Theodore R. Long opens mystery box with chauffeur's outfit inside. Jim Ross reads contract Teddy signed saying if Flair or Arn win CLASH match, Long has to be chauffeur-for-a-day; Magnum Force II d. Scotty Williams/Greg Sawyer; Sting d. Buddy Landell but music & Ole Scorpion's voice play after & Sting attacked by heel ref (who chokes Sting w. shirt) & jobber until Luger/Zenk/Pillman save; Night Stalker d. Jamie McKinon; Morton/Rich d. Brian Carr/Steve Stacks; Hughes d. Jeff Gambel. RESTHOLD-PLUS.
[MAIN EVENT]: Ron Simmons d. Angel; Junkyard Dog d. Mike Sample; [DANGER ZONE] Paul E. w. Sting & 18th rerun of HAVOC Scorpion angle; [GAUNTLET III] Rick Steiner d. Vicious by DQ to win $15,000 when Nasty Boys attack Rick before he enters ring & beat him until Ron West & refs get Nasties away; (6-MAN) Southern Boys/Brad Armstrong d. Freebirds/Little Richard; Other winners: Rich/Morton. RESTHOLD.

(WWF/USA) - [PRIME TIME]: Tito Santana d. Rick Martel by countout when Jake Roberts shows up & Martel flees; Battlecat d. Diamond; Barbarian d. Red Tyler; Mike Sharpe d. S.D. Jones; Jim Duggan d. Vines; Legion of Doom d. Orient Express by DQ when Demolition attacks and 5-on-2 starts; (BRO. LUV) Perfect Team; Warlord d. Koko; Davey Boy Smith d. Pez Whatley; (UPDATE) Dustin Rhodes-DiBiase 10-min. draw. RESTHOLD.
[SURVIVOR SERIES SHOWDOWN]: Sgt. Slaughter d. Tito Santana when Gen. Adnan trips up Tito on scoopslam; Marty Jannetty d. Rick Martel by countout. After, during interview seg, the Vipers and Martel's SURVIVORS team brawl; Earthquake Tenta d. Bossman by countout when Bubba chases Bobby Heenan (who had slapped Bubba) back to dressing room); Bret Hart d. Honky Tonk Man when Bret crashes Honky into Jimmy Hart on apron; Kerry Von Erich d. Demolition Smash by DQ when Curt Hennig

[SURVIVOR SERIES SHOWDOWN (cont.)]: runs in, followed by Demolition. Legion of Doom/Ultimate Warrior save. RESTHOLD-PLUS....good commercial for SURVIVORS but predictable.

(UWF) - [Key Match]: Billy Jack Haynes d. Col. DeBeers by DQ when DeBeers decks ref; (CAPTAIN'S CORNER) Lou Albano & John Tolos argue & nearly come to blows. NO RATING.

LINES OF THE WEEK

1. Cactus Jack Manson, N.Y. fan convention: "Larry Zbyszko is like the neighbor you don't want to have anything to do with." 2. Jim Ross, PH, on Ox Baker: "His eyebrows weigh about 100-and-a-half." 3. Ross/Paul E. Dangerously, PH, on John Earnst: (JR) "He looks like a Lord Littlebrook spinoff." (PED) "If he were 2 or 3 inches shorter, he'd look like Dennis Brent." 4. Paul E., PH, on closeup of Steiners' yapping dog Arnold: "He probably smells Jackie Crockett's breath." 5. Vince McMahon, WWF-S, on Roddy Piper: "Here's the man who looks as if he fell on Plymouth Rock head first." 6. Bobby Heenan, PTW: "I'd hate to have Dusty for a parent." 7. Brickhouse Brown, WMC, to Tony Anthony: "You want to get something off of your chest? Ain't nothing but fresh air separating you." 8. McMahon/Piper, WWF, on Bro. LUV: (V) "I'm happy this is one man who is not going to be at the SURVIVOR SERIES." (RP) "He probably couldn't afford the number of seats it would take for him after all the 3 or 4 turkeys he'll eat." 9. Dutch Mantel, WWW, on Rick Steiner: "He was hungry one night at bedtime and tried to rent a room at Pizza Hut." 10. Buddy Landell, NWA PRO: "Norman's got a friend as goofy as he is so they can be the Goofettes. God ain't created an 18-year-old who can beat the Nature Boy."

11. Tony Schiavone/Mantel, WWW: (TS) "I'm sure you're environmentally sound." (DM) "I used to work for the EPA." (TS) "You look like one of their agents." 12. Dave Brown, WMC, on Lou Fabiano: "He'll be hearing phones that aren't even ringing." 13. Jerry Saggs, NWA PRO, on Renegades: "This ain't no John Wayne movie." 14. Reggie B. Fine, WMC: "Tojo Yamamoto is three days older than sugar." 15. Angel of Death/Norm Hitzges, KLIF: (A of D) "The average household can watch 40 hours of wrestling on TV per week." (NH) "I wouldn't call that the average household." 16. Hitzges, KLIF, on Angel playing "Taps:" "Because I know YOU know where I live, I'll say that was mighty fine playing." 17. Downtown Bruno, WMC, on Jamie Dundee: "He has arms that look like buggywhips hanging off a mosquito."

STRONGEST COMMENTS - 1. Paul E./Ross, PH, on Steiners' dog: (PE) "I didn't know you could bring your mother to the ring." (JR) "There's enough wrestlers' mothers being talked about without us doing it." 2. Ross, PH: "The referee should banish Scott Steiner and his dog from ringside." 3. Eddie Gilbert, WMC: "Jerry Lawler, I'm going to put you out of professional wrestling and Dave Brown, if I have to, I'll do it to you, too."

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK - 1. Hitzges, KLIF, to Angel: "Does your wife say, 'Herb, are you going to work tonight?'" 2. Bob Caudle, WCW: "Can you imagine anything more degrading than having to chauffeur that crowd (Horsemen) around?"

ERNEST T. BASS AWARD - Black Ole Scorpion, to Sting: "I can see you but you can't see me."

BEST PICTURES - 1. WWF-S, Jake getting eyepatch ripped. 2. NWA, Juicer spraying silly string on Moondog Rex. 3. WCW, Sting-Landell standoff.

NICKNAMES OF THE WEEK - 1. GOOFETTES (Landell on Norman/Juicer). 2. GORDON SOLIE JR. (Paul E. on Ross). 3. THE UNWRAPPED PACKAGE (Michael Hayes on Luger).

ALL-CLICHE TEAM - 1. Heenan, WWF-S: "...actions speak louder than words." 2. Gene Okerlund, WWF: "...feast or famine."

BOO AWARD - NWA, for endless showings of Sting-Scorpion HALLOWEEN HAVOC angle. We know Ole believes you have to drive an angle home over and over but must it be to the point of a bad dream? This is three consecutive weeks.

TUBE TALK

Pedicino and friends held an all-night celebration on the USWA purchase Saturday night at HOOTER'S in Nashville.... Eddie Gilbert booked hot TV for the Nashville tapings, including a barbed-wire match between himself and Jerry Lawler... Olu Oleyami was shown with "secretary" as the "representative of Global"....Several scenarios are being deliberately, I'm sure, leaked as to the Black Scorpion-Sting finale at STARRCADE. One I was told of was for Ric Flair to be the Scorpion but Flair nixed it because WCW won't let him win the belt.

We're told the Canadian tag team for STARRCADE will feature a third Rougeau brother....If you received this issue Friday or later, you know now the SURVIVOR SERIES egg hatched to reveal The Gobbledy-Gooker, the WWF's new mascot....We hope to have comment from Ken Resnick last week. We had late word at deadline Resnick is angered at remarks made to MATWATCH that he blew the budget for LPWA TV editing....Expect Cactus Jack Manson to be in USWA pronto....Some consideration may be made to add a popular announcer to UWF shows... Syndicated ratings for week ending Nov. 4: WWF 8.2 (227 stations, 96% U.S. coverage; NWA 5.9 (161 stations, 94%).

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DARSOW TO STAY: Barry Darsow has backed out of a deal to join Bill Eadie for a Japan swing and is staying with Titan. He'll continue to team with Brian Adams as Demolition.

TITAN ON DUSTY: The story from Titan sources on Dusty is he would have been dumped after the ROYAL RUMBLE, so his "giving notice" announcement is to save face. Like when a TV star announces early in a fall looks at his show in 78th place and announces it's his last season with the program.

MORE ON DUSTY: Titan officials fully expect Dusty to go to the NWA and book and believe if he is hired, he'll try to talk WCW into giving him a "retirement tour."

WHAT WAS THE REAL AIM?: Notice how fewer and fewer of the Titan guys reported leaving actually are? One key analyst has told us Vince McMahon probably won't lose or dump more than seven guys now and that a lot of this was strictly an exercise for attitude adjustments.

GREG TO SAN JUAN: Greg Valentine is set for a long-term stint in Puerto Rico after SURVIVORS. Jeff Jarrett is going to work some spot shows there as well.

STORMY WEATHER: J.W. Storm's apparent departure from the NWA is said to be a puzzle to him. Storm told friends he was told his surprise loss to Brad Armstrong at HALLOWEEN HAVOC was an "obligatory job in order to confuse the sheets."

SUPERLUGER: Lex Luger's guest shot on the syndicated SUPERBOY will air the weekend of Dec. 15-16.

TERRENCE TRIES: Terrence Garvin is set for a couple of auditions with the NWA.

WRONG GUY: Lou Fabiano did not lose the loser-leave-USWA handicap match in Memphis Nov. 12 after all. Tojo Yamamoto's Samurai was the departing loser.

THIS WEEK IN MEMPHIS: A six-man hospital elimination match features Lawler/Dundee/Jarrett vs. the Gilberts and the masked Black Magic. Brickhouse Brown faces Tony Anthony in a winner-gets-the-other's-valet for a week match.

NEW KIDS: They're not "on the block" but Jerry Lawler's son Brian, who has been Twilight Zone Nebula, debuted Saturday on WMC as one of the New Kids tag team.

CORNETTE TO DO IT: Jim Cornette is the major name LPWA has approached to do color with Joe Pedicino for its taping next Thursday night in Las Vegas. Cornette says he intends to do it no matter what but syndicator Tor Berg insists Cornette has to have his NWA release. Berg would like to pair Craig Johnson with Cornette early next year.

HERD'S COMMENTS: Jim Herd told us Wednesday he has sent breach of contract letters to both Cornette and Stan Lane and neither have responded. "The next step," says Herd, "is for them to get lawyers and negotiate their situation with us."

MORE HERD ON CORNY: "Obviously, there's a lot of frustration there," Herd told us. "However, he hasn't been sincere enough to tell the front office what that frustration is."

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ONE MORE: Herd had one final remark: "Put it this way and you can quote me on this: if Cornette was as popular as Cornette thought, we'd be drawing a lot better."

IS THE DOOR LOCKED?: While no statement has been issued, Minneapolis insiders say Verne Gagne will finally close the coffin on the AWA after the final ESPN rerun Jan. 7. No new tapings are planned. Larry Zbyszko is headed for the UWF. And Tommy Jammer was told not to return to the office.

A WIN FOR WHEBBE: The AWA's case against Ray Whebbe Jr.'s independent promotions was dismissed in U.S. District Court in Minneapolis Nov. 9. Judge Harry McLaughlin ruled the Gagnes had no legitimate claim that Whebbe was guilty of tampering with AWA talent for use on indie shows. Whebbe represented himself in the case.

UWF NOTES: Abrams has told Whebbe he'll fill any 3500-seat building that can be booked in the Twin Cities. PWA is non-committal. On another note, MATWATCHer Dan Farren has been timekeeper at the last three UWF tapings.

MORE UWF: Abrams has had a split with his partner and some are unsure how that will affect his financing. But the audio quality of the commentary, if not the announcing itself, has picked up now that Herb & Bruno are doing it live.

HOUR-LONG KEIRN: Steve Keirn and Lou Perez went to a classic 60-minute scientific draw in a Florida title match Thursday night in Tampa. In other bouts, Jim Backlund beat Hurricane Walker and Ron Slinker d. Frankie Lancaster.

HERO VADER: Big Van Vader becomes a face shortly on WCW shows. On one, he makes a save when the Freebirds were working over some favorites and in an angle, Vader saves Lex Luger from a Motor City Madman/Curtis Hughes attack. Expect a series of Luger/Vader vs. Madman/Hughes tag matches in December and January.

SURGING ZENK?: Tom Zenk getting a series of singles wins, including one over the Madman in syndication.

MICHAEL WALLSTREET: It's Mike Rotunda's fourth image change in four years. He started as the all-American boy, then went to the Varsity Club, then Capt. Mike, now back to a heel who uses a computer to chart strategies against other wrestlers. Tony Schiavone came up with the gimmick, similar to one ("Wall Street Warrior") which was rejected last year.

MORE MIKE: Mike's "assistant" is Terri Boatright, who has been with TBS for some time. But Rotunda was also told last week his two-year WCW contract will not be renewed next year. The promotion hopes to keep him on a nightly guarantee basis.

NO BETS ON OWEN: Herd told us not to count on Owen Hart coming in early January. He hopes so, but he told us Owen is making noises of continuing on in Europe. Same goes for Chris Benoit, who WCW would like as well.

NASTY TITANS?: Key sources have told MATWATCH Titan has made a quiet agreement to hire the Nasty Boys as future fodder for the L.O.D. but the Nasties, not under WCW contract, have been told to hang in "until we're ready for you."

RATINGS RAP

WCW ROLLS TO EASY WIN; PTW SETS LOW

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP WRESTLING rolled to its top ratings mark in three months to win the Nielsen cable ratings race for the week ending Nov. 12 but USA Network's PRIME TIME WRESTLING dipped to a record low, one week before SURVIVOR SERIES.

WCW's 2.9 for its two hours Nov. 10 was its healthiest since late August in a week in which the remainder of cable wrestling shows took a nosedive.

PRIME TIME fell for the fourth straight week, this time to a 2.1, lowest ever for PTW since its inception in 1984 on USA, and a disastrously low 3.1 per cent share. Analysts believe the drop can be blamed on a combination of factors, partially because of a change in format which places lesser matches in the 10:30-11 half hour but primarily because of overall inertia in wrestling interest. The dip cannot be attributed heavily to the usual male switches to MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL. MNF's ratings are down 11% over last year on ABC with a weak schedule.

NWA POWER HOUR, in only its second week on Saturday mornings, soared to a 2.1 rating and a record 8 share, boosted by strong lead-in ratings from BONANZA at 8:05 a.m.

CABLE

Week Ending Nov. 12	Rating	Share	Total Homes
NWA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP (TBS 11/10)	2.9	5.8	1.61 million
NWA MAIN EVENT (TBS 11/11)	2.3	4.1	1.29 million
WWF ALL-AMERICAN (USA 11/11)	2.2	6.1	1.19 million
NWA POWER HOUR (TBS 11/10)	2.1	8.0	1.18 million
WWF PRIME TIME (USA 11/12)	2.1	3.1	1.13 million

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Steve's Commentary

RECORD PRIME TIME WEEK: NOT A PLUS

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Had this been 1984, most of us would have been salivating. Not in the history of television has so much pro wrestling been available on a national basis. Not even in the early days of network TV were viewers ever offered more than seven hours a week of wrestling in prime time.

Beginning with the Sunday and Monday night airings of the WWF's SURVIVOR SERIES SHOWDOWN on USA Cable, Tuesday's live CLASH OF THE CHAMPIONS XIII on TBS, Thursday night's pay-cable SURVIVOR SERIES and Friday night's taped MAIN EVENT on NBC, we'll have zapped out on 10 1/2 hours of prime time TV wrestling, five-and-a-half hours live.

In a year when TV ratings for wrestling are inching downward (a look at the opposite column is indicative) and fan interest is waning weekly at the arenas, this is the exact opposite of what is needed. Instead of cooling jets, as is sorely needed, wrestling executives are force-feeding too much television down the throats of America (and with eight hours from Vince McMahon, he is the worst offender) and I can promise you when it is over, America is going to just say no to much of it.

In addition to a weaker card than in September, if the NWA draws a 5 rating for this CLASH, then Ole Anderson is Annie Sullivan. But the NWA special will suffer from too much wrestling surrounding it as well as its own inequities. For McMahon's part, you'll see ratings pump up probably on Sunday, down on Monday's replay, a so-so at best buy-in for SURVIVOR and his lowest prime time rating ever for NBC. The WWF is no longer the novelty America cherished as a child with a Radio Shack remote control car on Christmas day. The nation, in general, is wrestlinged-out.

How many people do you know who can tell you the Tuesday night CLASH card (how could they? TBS has told them little about it)? How many do you know who can name the teams in SURVIVOR SERIES? There simply isn't a compulsion for one to watch wrestling in second and third helpings as it was five to six years ago and it is time wrestling companies accepted that before NBC and the cable networks begin to tell them.

Next year marks the 50th anniversary of wrestling on TV. In my view, a golden celebration gift would be a realization from wrestling execs that less TV is now more.

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